(b) if so, the number of projects in which construction cost is below Rs. 100 crores; and

(c) the total amount required to complete the construction of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to 265 projects as on 31 st May, 2003 costing Rs. 100 crores and above, there are 275 projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above but less than Rs. 100 crore which are under implementation.

(c) As on 1 st April, 2003, Rs. 77,061 crores have already been spent on 540 projects presently on the monitor of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and a balance of Rs. 1,42,638 crore would be required to complete these projects as per the projected cost estimate and schedule.

Cost of under construction projects

†2076. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of under construction projects of Central Government has been increasing during the past years;

(b) if so, the cost of construction of these projects as on March, 1998 alongwith the number of such projects; and

(c) the number of such projects as on March, 2003 alongwith the present cost thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The anticipated completion cost of 461 projects as on 31 st March, 1998 was of the order of Rs. 1,76,099 crore.

(c) Out of 461 projects as on 31st March, 1998, 155 projects are still under construction. The estimated cost of balance 155 projects as on 31st March, 2003 is of the order of Rs. 77,217 crore.

Construction of new projects

†2077. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of various new projects under the Central Government has been started during March, 1998 to March, 2003;

(b) if so, the total number of the projects alongwith the names of the Ministries concerned with and the total construction cost of each of the project; and

(c) the number of the projects completed during the said period out of the said projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 509 projects which have been taken up for implementation between March, 1998 to March, 2003 have been summarised Ministry-wise in the enclosed Statement *(See* below).